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EASTER IS MARCH 25TH

Few of us take time enough to feed the soul. But during the lenten season there is some sort of call to turn our thoughts to the Giver of Life.

The miracle of the seed's resurrection, the miracle of winter's bleak boughs clothed once more in leafy green, the miracle of nestling songsters--who can contemplate such things and escape the inclination to wonder and to give thanks?

SEEDS

But this we know,--
We drop a seed into the ground,
A tiny, shapeless thing, shrivelled and dry,
And, in the fulness of its time, is seen
A form of peerless beauty, robed and crowned
Beyond the pride of any earthly queen,
Instinct with loveliness and sweet and rare,
The perfect emblem of its Maker's care.

This from a shrivelled seed?
--Then may man hope indeed!

BRANNAN STATES AGENCIES WILL WORK TOGETHER MORE CLOSELY UNDER NEW DIRECTIVES ISSUED

Soil Conservation Will Benefit

Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan states that newly organized liaison among three government agencies will give 2,300 local soil conservation districts greater effectiveness.

Brannan's explanation of the new directive to the Federal Soil Conservation, the Forestry Service and the Production and Marketing Administration was directed to nearly 2,000 delegates of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts convention. Leaders of the association already had endorsed the plan, which Brannan had announced.

Brannan said the new orders require the Soil Conservation Service and the Production and Marketing Administration, both administered by him, to work together more closely. The United States Forestry Service, he said, will give direct assistance also at state and national levels.

Increasing farm production is vital to the national welfare, Brannan told the delegates. He stated:

"This country, with a spirit stemming from its great humanitarian tradition, has undertaken to send food to drouth areas of the world, and to other areas where famine is threatening. This ability to send supplies overseas when they are needed takes on added importance today. By doing so we may be able to help keep important parts of the world from becoming attractive hunting grounds for the forces of aggression."

GROWING OF CASTOR BEANS WILL RECEIVE GOV. AID

The castor bean which is noted for its beauty but not for the taste of its oil, has been designated by defense authorities as vitally needed as America meets the possible threat of war.

R. H. Nelson of College Station, district field representative of the Production and Marketing Administration, conferred with farmers interested in castor
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POLIO INS. PREMIUMS
NEARING DUE DATE

Mr. Abraham Mark, Agent for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company has informed Miss Margaret Huber, Chairman of the Employee Welfare Committee of the USDA Club, that the premiums due on polio policies taken out through that company are due on April 28, May 16 and June 12.

Mr. Mark suggests that all policies in the Department of Agriculture expire on the same date, April 28 of each year. He further suggested that the insured send in the entire premium on or before April 28, and when the policy is written, the company will return the premium for a portion of a year between the new expiration date, along with the policy.

If, however, there is some reason that you do not desire that the policy expire on April 28, it is not compulsory.

Checks should be sent to Miss Margaret Huber, 405 U. S. Terminal Annex, made payable to the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, and Mr. Mark will pick them up before April 28.

Another Number?

Colonel A. E. Morris: (Called to Washington on a rush trip) "I wish I didn't have to fly because I'm afraid."

Rector Meyer: Don't worry about it. If your number is called you will go wheresoever you are."

Growing of Castor Beans, etc., Cont'd.

bean production in a meeting held at Brownwood. He said that the castor bean program had the full backing of FMA and that government financial agencies will aid farmers desiring to begin cultivation of this much needed crop.

He pointed out that the United States has been obtaining most of its castor bean oil from Brazil and other sources in the past, but crushing plants now have been built in New Jersey and California to process domestically grown castor beans.

PLENTIFUL FOOD LIST
WILL SAVE YOU MONEY

Plentiful foods are cheaper and for your convenience a monthly list is compiled by the FMA Food Distribution Branch.

Special features for March are eggs and apples. This month's plentiful foods include:

Fruits and Vegetables

Apples
Canned & frozen orange juice
Canned & frozen grapefruit juice
Lettuce
Irish potatoes
Sauerkraut
Sweet potatoes

Protein Foods

Eggs
Cottage cheese
Broilers & fryers
Frozen fish fillets
Dry beans
Heavy turkeys
Peanut butter

Honey is also a plentiful food for the month.

SPECIAL STUDY MADE
OF QUAIL POPULATION

The Executive Secretary of the Game Fish and Oyster Commission announced that 6,000 quail wings were sent into the Department's office in Austin by sportsmen during the past season.

Hunters had been requested to aid in this study of quail population.

By studying the shape, coloration, and growth stages of the wing, it is possible to distinguish the adult bird from the young of the year.

Normally 75 to 85% of the birds killed by hunters are less than one year old.

Biologists consider a quail population to be in good condition when it is made up of a high percentage of young birds.

The man who starts out with the idea of merely getting rich won't succeed; you must have a larger ambition.--

--John D. Rockefeller

Colonel A. E. Morris: "But, suppose I was up in the air and the pilot's number was called?"

BROOM CORN IS NEEDED

H. H. Tompkins, broom manufacturer of Cisco, Texas asked the cooperation of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce in interesting area farmers to devote part of their land to the growing of broom corn.

Describing broom corn as an attractive money crop, Mr. Tompkins told the directorate that he has enough seed to plant some 500 acres in that area and that he will guarantee a market for the product. He added that the broom corn does well on any land that will grow grain crops--particularly the tighter land.

Last year's over-all broom crop was the shortest in 50 years, Mr. Tompkins said. He said there would be no carry-over from the 1950 crop and that the broom corn now is bringing \$600 per ton.

He estimated that an average crop is 40,000 tons, pointing out that last year's crop was only 27,000 tons. He said the industry needs 80,000 tons in 1951 and he believed the price would be at least \$500 per ton.

Mr. Tompkins said that broom corn is an early crop. It is harvested in late June or early July. He plans to plant some about March 21. An acre of land will produce from

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WELFARE COMMITTEE HAS NEW DISCOUNT

Miss Margaret Huber, Chairman of the Employee Welfare Committee of the USDA Club, has announced that a 10% discount may be obtained on numerous items at the M. Mitchell Appliance and Furniture Store, Forney, Texas.

The items include Refrigerators, Home Freezers, Gas Ranges, Electric Ranges, Automatic Washers, Wringer Washers, Ironers, Dryers, Radios, Television, Kitchen Cabinet and Sink Attachments, Furniture and Miscellaneous.

All items are offered at 10% above wholesale plus freight and delivery.

Mrs. M. Mitchell announces if desired merchandise is not on hand she will be glad to get it if possible.

400 to 500 pounds in an average year, he added. Broom corn makes on a minimum of rainfall, and the grower has no insect worries.

Mr. Tompkins said, "The broom industry is disturbed about the outlook."

Didn't Like Commercial

Father; "Son, how did you like the church service this morning?"

Memo Schoenbach (Age 3): "I liked the singing all right but I didn't like the commercial so well."

DALLASITE OFFERS AWARD TO OUTSTANDING FARMER

Call for nominations which will lead to a Texas farmer, rancher or agriculture worker becoming the possessor of \$5,000 cash and a gold medal for distinguished agricultural achievement during 1949 and 1950 has been issued throughout Texas.

The Award, with its \$5,000 in cash and its medal, is offered as prizes each two years by Karl Hoblitzelle of Dallas, and will go to the Texan who has made the most notable two-year contribution to the advancement of agriculture.

This is interpreted as being work or activity the effects of which have, more than any other, caused people to progress in the field of agriculture. It may have contributed to leadership or to inspiration, but it must have had a direct practical application.

Anyone who wishes may nominate any farmer or rancher of Texas, or their wives, or practically any professional agricultural worker, administrator, educator, editor or writer, specialist, etc., other than persons assigned to formal research, provided their contributions have made definite agricultural progress possible in Texas.

Five Regional Committees will receive the names of nominees. Names may be sent to Eugene Butler, Editor of The Progressive Farmer, Dallas; Earl Varnell, SCS, Fort Worth, and others.

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GOODRICH STORE
HAS DISCOUNT NEWS

Mr. J. D. Chasteen, Manager of the B. F. Goodrich Store, 2133 N. Harwood Street, has informed Miss Margaret Huber, Chairman of the Welfare Committee of the USDA Club that the company is no longer able to give discounts on some of their merchandise due to present conditions.

The company will continue to give discounts on tires, tubes and batteries. In the future, if possible, other discounts will be restored.

THE WAY WILL CLEAR

There was never a day so misty and gray
That the blue was not somewhere above it,
There was never a night so dreary and dark
That the stars were not somewhere shining,
There is never a waiting time, weary and long,
That will not sometime have an ending.

The most beautiful part of the landscape is where
The sunshine and shadows are blending.
Into every life some shadows will fall,
But heaven sends the sunshine of love.

KNOW YOUR CO-WORKERS

Fellow employees really regretted the loss of Ocie Barton, Organization and Methods Examiner for PMA Commodity Office, to another agency.

Comments were heard such as "I really hate to see him go," "he's just dynamite," "he's my idea of a superior," etc.

The editor had occasion to use the ambulance service of the Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home, which offers USDA Club members the advantage of a 50% discount.

Mr. Hughes came in person on one occasion during the icy weather in February and his caution and carefulness were very much appreciated in addition to the courteous service.

Courteous service is appreciated in any line of business but especially so in this line.

Our co-worker, Bill Williamson of PMA recently appeared in "Broadway" sponsored by the Actors Guild at the Arcade Theater in Dallas. The play ran for 3 days, February 26, 27 and 28th. Williamson played the part of the detective.

Our fellow-worker has appeared previously in several operettas during the summer season at Fair Park. More power to Bill.

PERSONNEL OFFICE HAS NEW GUARD. LIFE COLLECTOR

Mr. Ralph Abel, Special Representative of the Guardian International Life Insurance Company has announced that Bobbie Wren is the new collector of dues on the company premiums for Group 302K in the Interurban Building.

Policies are due on the first of each month and prompt payment will be appreciated. For information concerning insurance call Mr. Abel RI 6843

WANT ADS

ROOMMATE WANTED: Girl between 20 and 25 to share 4 room duplex apartment with one girl. Private bedroom--\$40 including bills.--
PHONE LA 1959

ROOM FOR RENT:- Private bath, private entrance, maid service, garage-- One or two gentlemen-- OAK LAWN Car.--PHONE Mildred Turner, RI 6951, Sta. 2056.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my co-workers for the kindnesses shown me during my very deep sorrow.

The flowers sent by the CCC Club were greatly appreciated.

Those things really help.

--MILDRED YEAGER